To the right honorable Sr Thomas Egerton knight
Lorde keap of the greate seale of Englande

In humblest wise complayninge sheweth vnto your good Lordshipp your daily orator Thomas Thornton gent That whereas Roger Knowlys
of Wolvasby in the county of Norff gent was lawfully seised in his demesne as of fee of & in all those two messuages two gardens two orchards
or tofts & one
nyne yardes lande and a halfe yarde lande wth their appurtenns in Wolvasby aforesaid nowe or late beinge in the occupacon of Richard Knowlys
deceased or of the said Roger or of his assignes farmers or tennts & one rose of pasture lyinge in Ellington in the aforesaid county of Norff at or neare
a place called Wolfordes lane all wch premisses were parcell of the possessions of the dissolued monastery of Thornehill and soe beinge therof seised by your
orator exhibited and as the said Roger affirmed very constantly, did for the some of 300li of lawfull English money by your said orator aforehand well
& truly satisfied & paide demise to your said orator the said messuages nyne yardes lande & halfe yarde lande & rose of pasture & premisses To have
& To hold to the said Thomas Egerton his executors & assignes from the xxvth daye of maye wch shalbe in the yeare of our lord god 1601 for the terme of three
hundred yeares then next followinge wthout redemption That is to the said Roger Knowlys shall repay to your said orator the said 300li then
the said lease shalbe voyde anie thinge of wch lease to your said orator, he late beinge credibly informed by diuse credible psons that the said
Richard Knowlys & Roger Knowlys or one of them haue made former estate conueyance or assurance vnto some pson or psons to the vse of them
selues & their heires or to some other vse to the or purpose of the said tenths & premisses by the said Indenture to your said orator mentioned &
ment to be demised to the said Roger or of some pte or pts therof to ouer reserue your orators said lease estate interest & terme and haue or one
of them late entred into some statute recognizance or of the staple or recognizance before the estate made to your said orator as is aforesaid vppon some
priuate trust or for some purpose to defeate your said orator of his said leases terme & interest, wch said estates statute & recognizance may in time to
come be occasion to returne your said orator out of the premisses to his demised as is aforesaid And to abyde or indure his interest therein
And for as much as your said orator cannot tell nor sett forth what estate the said Roger Knowlys was seised of in the premisses at the time
of the makinge of the aforesaid demise nor what estates the said Richard Knowlys and the widowe of the said Richard & Roger or anye of them
have or had at the time of the makinge of the said lease vnto your said orator nor what estate or estates conueyance or assurance the said Richard
& Roger or either of them have therof made knowledged or suffered of the premisses or of anye of them to anye pson or psons nor whether Knowlys
or is able table to make proofe of the seuerall purposes intents trusts or vses of those estates nor what statute or recognizance they have
knowledged and are entred into And yet your said orator is perswaded that if the said Richard Knowlys & his wife were examined vpon their corporall oathes to make answere to the premisses they would in that behalfe for your said
orators better satisfaction & assurance of his title declare and sett forth what estates they or anye of them have in the premisses or anye
of them or what estate charges or conueyance they or anye of them have made knowledged or suffered and what statute recognizance and
Judgment they or anye of them have made knowledged or suffered before the makinge of the said Lease May it therefore please your good
Lordshipp to graunte her ma[jes]ties most gracious writte of Subpena to the said Richard Knowlys and Frances his wife Roger Knowlys and
his wife commaundinge them thereby at a certaine daye and vnder a certeine payne therein to be limitted personally
to appeare before your good Lordshipp then and there to make direct answere to the premisses & to abyde such order & direction therein
as to your good Lordshipp may seeme to stande best with equitie and good conscience and the justice of the cause
And your said orator shall pray to god for your Lordshipps longe & happie

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